

## Article - Family Law

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§5–1001.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Administration” means the Child Support Administration of the Department.
- (c) “Alleged father” means an individual who is alleged, by himself or by another party, to be the father of a child in a proceeding under this subtitle.
- (d) (1) “Assisted reproduction” means a method of causing pregnancy other than sexual intercourse.
  - (2) “Assisted reproduction” includes:
    - (i) intrauterine or intracervical insemination;
    - (ii) donation of gametes;
    - (iii) donation of embryos;
    - (iv) in–vitro fertilization and transfer of embryos; and
    - (v) intracytoplasmic sperm injection.
- (e) “Attorney for the Administration” means an attorney who represents the Administration in accordance with § 10–115(c) of this article.
- (f) “Complaint” means a bill or petition in equity filed in a paternity proceeding.
- (g) (1) “Father” means an individual, regardless of gender, whose sperm fertilizes an ovum, resulting in the birth of a child.
  - (2) “Father” does not include a gamete donor, unless:
    - (i) the gamete donor and the child’s mother agree in writing that the gamete donor will be a parent of the child; or

(ii) at the time of the child's conception, the gamete donor is married to the child's mother.

(h) (1) "Gamete donor" means an individual who provides, with or without consideration, sperm or an ovum intended for use in assisted reproduction.

(2) "Gamete donor" does not include the mother of a child conceived by means of assisted reproduction using the mother's ovum.

(i) "Mother" means an individual, regardless of gender, who gives birth to a child unless parentage is otherwise established.

(j) "Putative father" means:

(1) an alleged father of a child who has no parent or presumed parent under Title 1, Subtitle 2 of the Estates and Trusts Article, other than the child's mother; or

(2) an alleged father who is presumed to be the parent of a child under § 1–208(c)(1) or (2) of the Estates and Trusts Article.

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